

REMARKS

The Examiner's comments together with the cited references have been carefully studied. Favorable reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 are pending in the application. Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 8-9 have been canceled. Claim 1 herewith is amended. Claims presently active are claims 1, 4, 7 and 10.

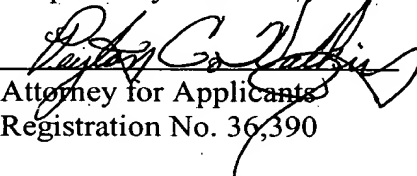
Applicants take the position that while Kimono et al. does dispose the operating pin of the valve at the mold parting line formed by mold halves 33 and 34, the second resin flow path 51 does not lie along the mold parting line as claimed by Applicants.. Separating the mold halves 33, 34 does not allow removal of resin from the second resin flow path 51. Removal of the resin from flow path 51 requires dismantling the mold to clear the path which is in sharp contrast to the present invention which allows the second resin flow path to be cleared when the mold halves are separated because the second resin flow path lies along the mold parting line. It is this feature of locating the second resin flow path along the mold parting line that allows the resin in the second flow path to eject when the molded part is ejected.

Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record and believe that singly or in any suitable combination, they do not render Applicants' claimed invention unpatentable.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendment, claims 1, 4, and 10 are now deemed allowable and such favorable action is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

Respectfully submitted,


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